श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : मैं केवल इतना ही जानना चाहता हूं कि जो जनता कार बनाने की योजना थी मारुति की ओर कम दाम में उपलब्ध कराने की योजना थी, वह योजना सरकार लागू कर रही है या नहीं । ... (व्यवधान)

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : मैं इसके बारे में अभी उत्तर नहीं दे सकती हूं। मैं इनको बाद में बताऊंगी ... (व्यवधान)

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : मैं सवाल इसलिए नहीं पूछ रहा हूं कि 12 बज जाएं ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Sir, in view of the constant complaints of irregularities against the Maruti Udyog Limited, as has come out in the course of several investigations, will the Government agree to have a special audit of Maruti accounts before agreeing to a price rise ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cadre review in MES

*61. *SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee set up for the Cadre review in the Military Engineering Services (MES) in February, 1991 has since submitted its report, if so, when; and

(b) the details of the recommendations made by it and reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) There is no single cadre known as Military Engineering Services (MES). The MES comprises several cadres such as Engineer Cadre, Architect Cadre, Surveyor Cadre, Barracks and Stores Cadre, Clerical Cadre etc. For none of these Cadres was any Cadre review Committee set up in February 1991.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Lawyers' strike in the country

*63. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times when lawyers resorted to strike in different parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) what was the duration of each strike;

(c) whether Government propose to take any step to contain strikes by lawyers in consultation with the Bar Council of India and the Chief Justice of India in order to conduct smooth functioning of the judiciary before which huge backlog of cases is pending for disposal, and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what other steps are being proposed in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) No record is kept about the number of time when lawyers resorted to strike and the duration of each strike.

(c) and (d) At the instance of the Government of India, a meeting of Law Ministers of different States and Union territory Administration was held in Bangalore in October, 1992 to discuss the problem of courts. A working Group arrears in courts. A working Group constituted by the Bangalore Meeting of

Law Ministers met in February, 1993 and recommended that the Chief Justice Conference, in consultation with the Bar Council of India, could consider constituting a committee consisting of lawyers and judges at the appropriate level for dealing with the underlying causes for lawyers' strikes and for evolving appropriate guidelines for preventing indiscriminate closure of courts. It is proposed to take follow-up action on this recommendation.

Fire in the Narora Atomic Power Station

*64. SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out on March 31, 1993 in the turbine building of the Narora Atomic Power Station;

(b) if so, what was the cause of the fire;

(c) the extent of damage caused to the plant; and

(d) whether Government have made any enquiry in this regard; and if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) There has been considerable damage to the turbine generator of Unit-I which was purchased at a cost of Rs. 25 crores. There has been, however, no impact on the nuclear reactor. There was neither any injury nor any danger of radiation to any of the plant personnel or to the public on account of the incident.

(b) and (d) The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director Reactor Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre to investigate, among other things, the cause of the incident and to suggest measures to prevent recurrence of such incidence. The Nuclear Power Corporation has also constituted a Committee to enquire into the incident and to assess the extent of damage. The reports are expected in May '93.

Comprehence Poverty Removal Programme

*68. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive poverty removal programme on the lines of the earlier 20-point programme has been evolved as a part of the planned liberalisation of economy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the targets contemplated to be achieved thereunder during the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) The poverty removal programme consists mainly of self-employment programme called the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the wage employment programme called the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). These will continue in the Eighth Plan on an expanded basis. Central outlay for rural development has been stepped up to Rs. 30,000 crores in the Eighth Five Year Plan in order to speed up efforts for poverty alleviation in the context of